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**SILVERTON TRAIN BREAKS RECORD**

## RIO GRANDE PROFITS JUMP 29%

Rio Grande Industries, Inc., Denver-based holding company whose major subsidiary is the Rio Grande Railroad, announced 10/23 that its revenues and net profits surged to new all-time highs for the nine months ended September 30, 1978, and were the highest ever recorded for a third quarter. Nine month revenues were \$196,800,000, an increase of 17% over those in 1977, and net profit climbed to \$19,193,000, or \$3.80 per Common share, compared to \$14,828,000, or \$2.77 per Common share in the first nine months of 1977.

For the third quarter only, net profit was \$7,096,000, or \$1.43 per Common share, compared to \$6,231,000, or \$1.23 per Common share for the same 1977 period. During the quarter ended September 30, 1977, the estimated effective income tax rate was revised which, for the quarter then ended, increased net income by \$1,061,000; earnings per Common share before dilution by \$.26; and earnings per Common share assuming full dilution by \$.15.

Highlights included Rio Grande Railroad's highest revenues and net profits for any third quarter or first three quarters in any calendar year; and the highest revenues and net profits in the same periods for Computer Sharing Services, the company's time-sharing subsidiary.

G. B. Aydelott, chairman and president, stated that the company, for the year 1978, expects to surpass last year's record revenues and profits.

Rio Grande Industries, Inc.  
and Consolidated Subsidiaries  
(Unaudited)

	1978	1977
<b>Nine Months Ended September 30:</b>		
Operating Revenues	\$196,800,000	\$168,222,000
Income Before Income Tax	29,258,000	20,884,000
Income Tax	10,065,000	6,056,000
Net Income	19,193,000	14,828,000
Earnings per share:		
No dilution	\$3.80	\$2.77
Fully diluted	2.74	2.13

<b>Quarters Ended September 30:</b>		
Operating Revenues	\$71,671,000	\$58,919,000
Income Before Income Tax	10,474,000	7,281,000
Income Tax	3,378,000	1,050,000
Net Income	7,096,000	6,231,000
Earnings per share:		
No dilution	\$1.43	\$1.23
Fully diluted	1.01	.89

### Shares Outstanding at Close of Period:

Common	4,147,152	4,135,352
Preferred, Series A	5,710,665	5,710,665

## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

It is the policy of The Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad Company to employ, promote and otherwise treat prospective and present employees without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age or national origin. This policy applies to all departments, all work locations and to all officers and employees.

## Rio Grande's Equipment Planning Geared to Customers' Needs

Selected car types used most frequently by D&RGW customers are: Box cars equipped, covered hoppers, gondolas equipped and unequipped, and Flats including General Service, Multi-level, TOFC and others.

D&RGW acquisitions since 1973 and through 1979 are:

Box cars, equipped (XL's and RBL's)	473
Covered Hoppers	590
Gondolas, Plain	170
Gondolas, Equipped	65
Flats —	
General Service	5
Multi-Levels	345
TOFC/COFC	33

The above figures do not include the number of coal hoppers purchased since 1973.

Rio Grande has continued to expand its fleet with modern equipment to meet the needs of its customers.

## The Little Train That Could—Did!

Once again the narrow gauge Silverton Train broke its own record, hauling a record 120,384 passengers. The season started May 27 and ran through October 8 with perfect weather conditions prevailing. Beginning on June 6 and through August 31, two trains were operated each day, carrying 45 passengers per car with ten to eleven cars in each train.

On September 22, a group of 43 railroad editors were treated to a ride on the train. The editors, from railroads in the U.S. and Canada, were attending their annual conference held this year at the Tamarion, Durango. The little train both captivated and enchanted the group, inspiring some to carry home ideas for feature stories in their own publications.

Once again, during the winter months, Coach Shop crews at Burnham will be busy renovating and rebuilding the little cars preparatory for next year's season.

A hearty thanks goes to the engine and train crews and to the personnel in the Durango office. Agent Amos Cordova and Julia Cordova greet each passenger with a friendliness and patience that is unsurpassed. The crews in Durango and Silverton work long hours and seven days a week, but they all feel it is well worth it in the pleasant memories and happiness of thousands of satisfied "customers".

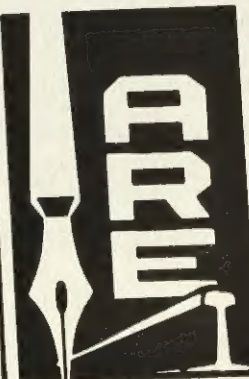
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## Veterans Hold Successful Convention

The two hundred-plus Rio Grande veterans who attended the 28th Annual Convention were in accord — it was a successful and happy convention! Thanks and appreciation were expressed to the Denver members who hosted the affair at the Continental-Denver Motor Hotel on September 20, and to the Rio Grande Zephyr crew who made the trips to and from memorable and happy events. One hundred and seventeen rode the train from Ogden, Salt Lake City, Provo, Helper and Grand Junction. Two hundred twenty-five attended the banquet, with many Denver members and officers present.

The meetings were arranged to be held on one day, so that system visitors could ride the Zephyr to Denver on Tuesday and return to their homes on Thursday. This was a deviation from past practices when the convention was held in Grand Junction, central terminal, on a weekend. The veterans, all true and loyal railroaders, enjoyed riding the train to Denver and having a change of scenery. Next year the convention site will again be Grand Junction.

Officers elected to serve the new year are: President J. C. Cowley, Salt Lake City; Vice President-West Claude Argyle; Vice President-East John Schoening, Grand Junction; and Secretary Treasurer W. E. Easley, Grand Junction.

City tours of local attractions were arranged for those not attending the business meetings. Jerry Cutshall's artistic design of the banquet menus added to the enjoyment.

All in all, it was one of the best and the Denver Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary Club members get the award of the year for hospitality and friendship.

Grand Junction members enjoyed their "rest" this year, but are getting all geared up again for next year. So, plan to attend the 29th in '79! You all come!



*Happiness prevails at the banquet as friends greet one another and renew old friendships.*



*Lovely ladies, members of the Veterans Auxiliary, are ready and happy to greet the guests. As the song goes — who wouldn't love you!*



*Convention Chairman Pete Ackermann and committee members Iva Andrews, Alice Cutshall with Ladies Auxiliary President Elizabeth McGruder greet members at Registration Desk.*



*"Let's sit this one out — my feet are already tired!"*

## RIO GRANDE ACTION PEOPLE CONSISTENT IN SAFETY

Each year the National Safety Council Statistics Department tabulates the best score of man-hours worked in six categories of line-haul companies and two categories of switching and terminal companies. Awards are presented to winning railroads.

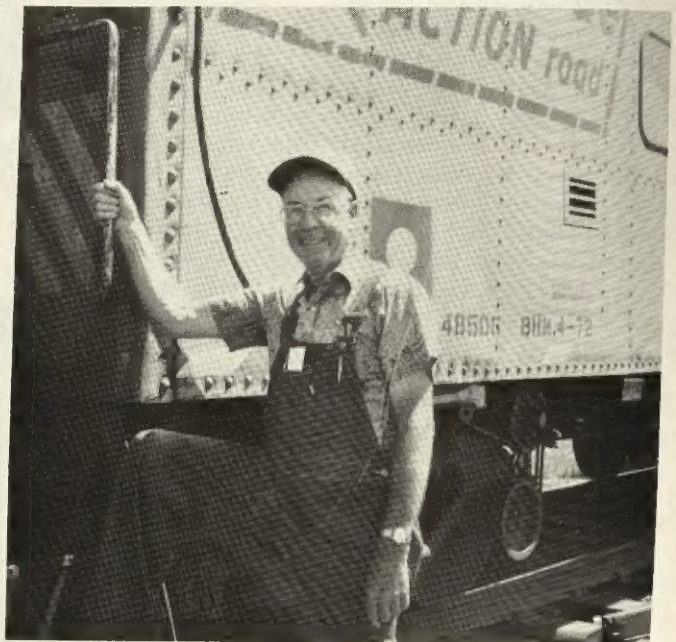
Each year E. H. Harriman Awards are presented to the railroads with the best safety records per number of man-hours worked.

Rio Grande employees have made possible consistent winning of the above two awards. Some of these employees were interviewed and are shown in accompanying photographs. The employees pictured here have perfect safety records. Their comments on how they attained these records are given in their own words.

Employees who have consistently worked accident-free will be featured in future Green Light issues.



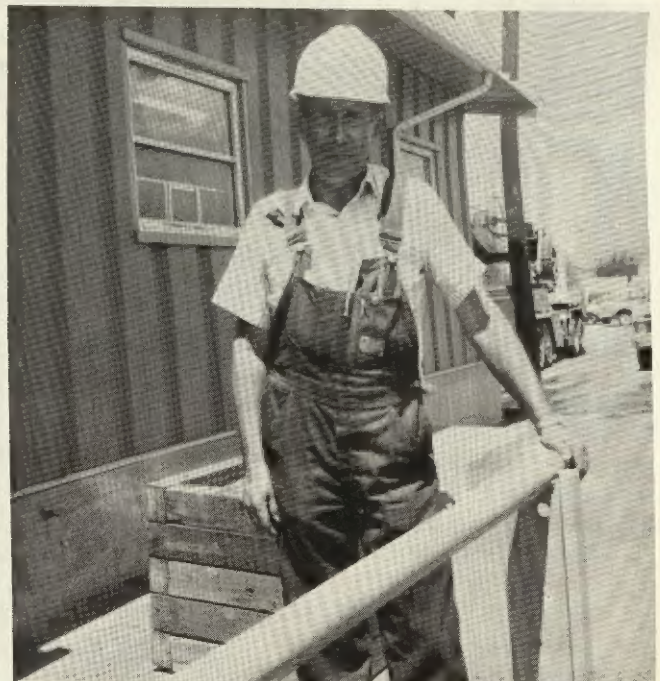
*Richard W. Behm, switchman, Roper – employed 1942. "Pay proper attention to each duty being performed. Impress on new employees to watch parallel tracks, underfoot conditions, clearances and equipment being used and handled."*



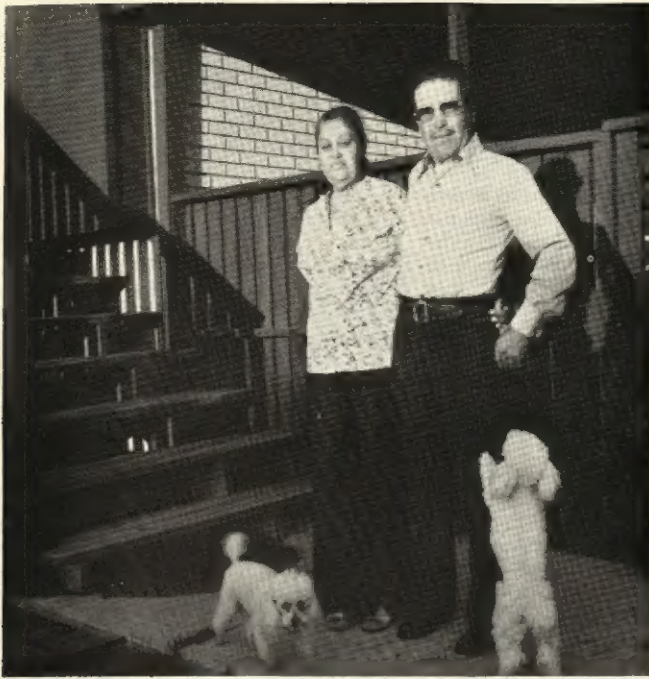
*Winn F. Carlisle, conductor, Roper – employed 1941. "Keep alert, watch both ways crossing tracks. Have good footing and hand holds when boarding equipment."*



*Arne Larsen, engineer, Roper – employed 1941. "Must at all times be careful, observant and alert, especially when without a fireman."*



*R. L. (Wick) Wickel, train yard carman, Roper – employed 1943. "Always watch what you are doing; keep hands, feet and body clear of equipment. Watch where you are walking. Radios, blue flags and training have been a great help."*



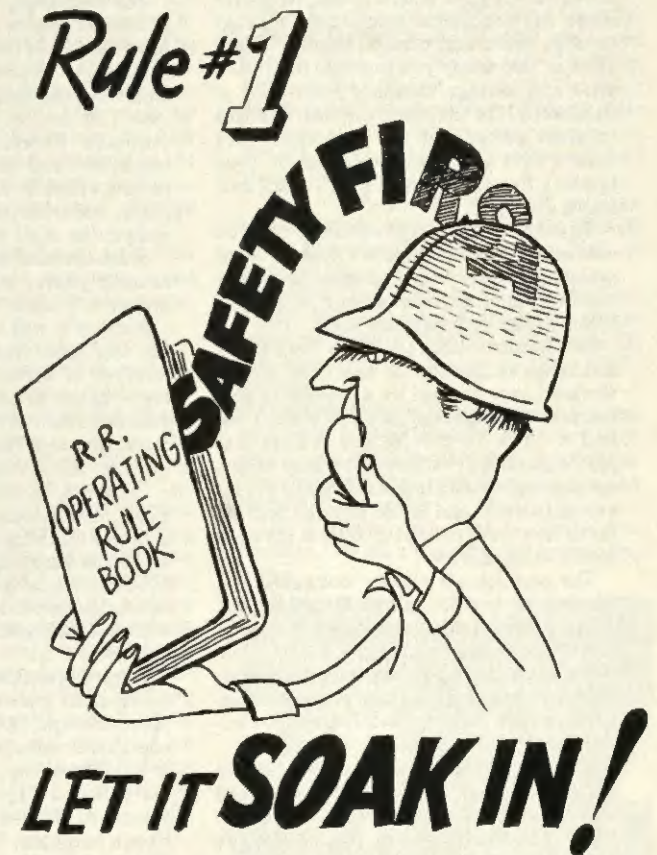
Audero Lucero, section foreman, Midvale – employed 1947. "Absolutely no horse play. Follow and obey safety rules. Always be cautious and careful. Always help and watch other employees."



Pueblo Carmen John Campbell, employed 1967, J. E. Anzlovar, employed 1966, and Rick Jamnick, employed 1965, were in accord on safety: "Be careful, watch what you are doing; pay attention."



Carman Apprentice Mike Atencio, employed 1976, has an accident-free record that is a credit to him and the railroad. Mike has earned this record and the respect of fellow employees due to his careful observance of work and safety rules. In photo he demonstrates the proper use of welding rod and the proper work apparel. Observing Mike's technique is Carman Ron Tomko. Photo taken on Pueblo Rip track.



## YOUR STAKE IN THE MARKET

You're driving home from work and listening to your car radio. After the news and weather, you hear that the New York Stock Exchange common stock index moved higher during the day on moderate trading.

"Who cares what happens on the stock market?" you might ask yourself. "I don't own any stock."

Well, if that's the way you've been thinking, you may be in for a surprise. Even if you are not one of the 25 million Americans who directly own corporate or mutual fund shares, it's almost a certainty that you own shares indirectly.

Do you belong to a pension plan? Do you own an insured home or car, have an account in a mutual savings bank or pay premiums on a life insurance policy? If so, you're one of the 115 million Americans who indirectly own shares.

In essence, indirect shareownership means that you have an interest in a company or organization that own stock. These so-called institutional investors — whose stock holdings last year were valued at about one-half the entire NYSE list — include life insurance companies, mutual savings banks and pension plans. Since some of the money you put into life insurance and savings accounts eventually is channeled into the stock market, changes in stock prices and the way stocks are traded have an important effect on your family's finances — even if you don't own share directly.

To see the impact of the stock market on one aspect of your life, let's look at what probably will be one of your most important assets in coming years — your retirement income from your pension plan.

In a recent study, the New York Stock Exchange estimated that nearly 50 million workers were covered by a private or government-administered pension plan at the end of 1975. To provide the income that participants will receive once they retire, monies contributed to pension plans are invested in stocks and bonds. In total, pension funds have well over \$100 billion invested in the stock market.

The professional money managers who administer pension plans strive for the greatest total returns and invest in a broad spectrum of stocks and bonds. In fact, your share in a pension plan represents a changing mix of ownership in many corporations. Pension fund managers, therefore, are active participants in the stock market.

The New York Stock Exchange is the nation's premier stock market. More than 1,550 leading corporations are listed for trading on the Big Board and, on average days, approximately one-half of the Exchange's dollar volume comes from institutions and intermediaries.

At the Exchange, continuous, two-way auction markets are maintained in the shares of each listed company by a group of about 390 Big Board Members called specialists. An important part of the specialists' job — when temporary imbalances exist between supply and demand — is to step into the market as a dealer, and use his own funds to buy shares when no other buyers are available and to sell shares when no other sellers are in the crowd. In this way, the specialist helps to assure that a market exists for each listed stock.

Most of the time, however, an adequate flow of orders exists to buy and sell so that the specialist need not act as a dealer. In most trades, buyers and sellers meet through their brokers on the NYSE trading floor and arrive at the best price for their customers through the auction process.

In a dealer market, by contrast, investors buy or sell shares from a dealer, not from each other. A dealer-based system eliminates the pricing efficiencies of investor-to-investor trades and is unlike the NYSE auction market where a specialist acts as a dealer to fill gaps in supply and demand.

The Exchange, in addition to offering an efficient means to buy and sell shares, is an integral part of the nation's capital raising process. Corporations — large and small — need capital to grow and provide jobs. Your job, for instance, required a substantial investment in equipment, machinery and buildings. In order for jobs to be available, capital is required to replace, modernize and expand facilities in companies of all sizes.

Since demand for capital will be great in coming years, you may ask where the money will come from.

Some of it will come from corporate profits and some from the public. While the number of direct individual shareowners — about 25 million in mid-1975 — has declined since 1970, they undoubtedly account for a significant share of the transactions on the NYSE.

Congress, aware of the nation's capital needs, has encouraged a number of measures to stimulate capital formation. One of these, the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), is a device for transferring shares to employees while providing corporations with the ability to borrow capital with pre-tax dollars.

Other government inducements to capital creation include the Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and Keogh plans. IRAs permit individuals not covered by a pension or profit-sharing plan to create their own tax-deferred plan. Similar benefits are permitted for the self-employed through Keogh accounts. Funds set aside through IRAs and Keogh accounts may be invested in a variety of areas including stocks.

While ESOPs, IRAs and Keogh plans will add to the nation's capital base, the

bulk of the money that corporations will require in coming years probably will come from institutional investors, who have grown enormously in the past decade.

More and more people, therefore, whether or not their investments are made directly in corporate shares, will be affected by the stock market.

As we have seen with pension plans, millions of Americans now have their future income related in some way to the stock market. But the stock market affects your family's present financial status, too.

As one example, consider insurance. Insurance companies are among the nation's largest shareowners. One major insurer, for example, has more than \$5 billion invested in stocks. Insurance companies invest in stocks in order to provide income for the payment of interest and claims to policyholders. Already a costly item in most family budgets, insurance premium rates could creep higher if stock prices fall and the market pricing mechanism become less efficient. Lower stock prices cut into insurance companies' "policyholders' surpluses" — the cushion against losses. Higher stock prices increase the cushion.

The stock market may also influence your child's college tuition. University endowment funds — money most frequently invested in stocks and bonds — provide scholarships and help pay teachers and maintain facilities. A cut in endowment fund income due to lower stock prices and inefficiencies in trading could lead to bigger tuition bills for your college-bound teenager. Greater efficiencies and higher stock prices could lead to lower bills.

From your child's college education to your retirement income and insurance protection, it's apparent that the stock market has an impact on our lives. In fact, the financial foundation of most American families is linked directly or indirectly to the performance of corporate shares. That's why, along with the weather and sports, the stock market is a newsmaker that we should all care about.

### HARD-FISTED FACT:



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**HARD  
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ARE  
HARDER  
THAN  
HEADS!

# Rail CHATTER on the Grande

## Colorado Springs

By J. J. Kennedy



Harold T. Sothman, track supervisor, retired August 25. A party was held at the Freight office in Colorado Springs and a gift presented. Harold and his wife are pictured here at the office party. Harold had 38 years with the Rio Grande. Everyone wishes Harold and his wife a happy and good retirement.

Welcome to C. C. Rupel, who was appointed track supervisor at Colorado Springs.

Gary Chambers, conductor, enjoyed three weeks of vacation just relaxing and resting at home.

Jim Croft, brakeman, enjoyed two weeks just relaxing.

Dick Vigil, brakeman, had two weeks vacation moving from Denver to Colorado Springs, where he is now working.

T. W. Gallo, relief clerk, enjoyed three weeks working around his home and doing a little fishing.

Bill Ewald, operator, enjoyed two weeks visiting his mother in Southern California, where a family reunion was held.

R. R. Evans, working foreman, enjoyed his last week of vacation touring the High Country of Colorado. He went fishing and had good luck.

Don Curtis, demurrage clerk, enjoyed three weeks with his wife, spending time in their mountain home, and painting his home in town.

Bob Golden, signal maintainer, and his family toured Colorado, visiting family and friends and had an enjoyable ride on the Durango-Silverton train.

Ken Wooters, assistant signal maintainer, and wife enjoyed touring California on two weeks vacation.

Crispin Gonzalez, truck driver, enjoyed visiting family and friends in Mexico during two weeks of vacation.

Steve Fried, assistant foreman, visited family and friends in Miami, Florida and had a good time.

Best wishes to Jim Davis, truck driver, who was married in Colorado Springs on September 23. Everyone wishes he and his bride a very happy life.

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## Pueblo

By Guida Fonda

Welcome to our new employees: Clerks Madeline Santos and Connie Schaffer, Trainmen Tony Alfaro, Jr., Phillip L. Sterling, Ramon C. Ortiz, Kenneth Uhernik, Kelly Barnett, Nelson Hency, and Patrick G. Stickler.

Congratulations to Jimmy Glenn on his recent marriage to Rosalee Kakalecik. They were married at the Minneque University Club and spent their honeymoon in Hawaii.

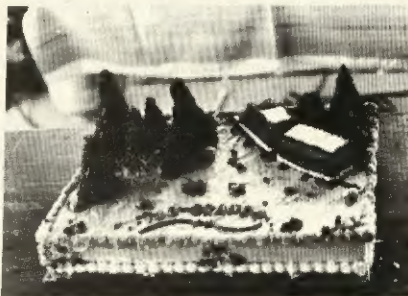
Have you all noticed how nice Jim Favorite looks — Jimmy has been on a diet along with Bob Foster. They look great — Congratulations to both — it's been a long, hard struggle.

George Kurtz, conductor, has two sons, Mike and Jeff, who played in the 13 and 14 year old division with the Pueblo Nationals and went to the State tournament at Englewood, Colorado. They played Englewood, Broomfield and Rangle. The tournament lasted three days and our Pueblo team came home State Champions, beating Englewood 5 to 3. After running around with the kids all summer, Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz took a second honeymoon (34 years of marriage) and went to Reno, Nevada — a well deserved treat, George said.

Ron Adamich, Eddie Forest and Kim Barker are all sporting new cars — not hard to tell who the poorest clerks are now.

It was nice to have a visit from Glenn Humble, retired secretary to the terminal trainmaster for many years. Retirement must agree with him because he doesn't look like he's aged a year.

The Rio Grande Vets Club No. 6 held their annual picnic September 9 at Colorado City. We really had a good turnout, the food was delicious, and the kids young and old alike enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Dutch Beal and Bill Clawson for their work the year around to make the picnic a success. Each year we see old and new faces and hope to see more next year, especially retirees. The cake pictured here was especially made for the picnic by Beth Beal and Paulette Bernard. The cake was all edible and it was delicious and enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Beth and Paulette are sophomores at Central High School. Beth is the daughter of Sonny Beal, night chief clerk.



Bruce McGlothlin went to his class reunion in Grand Junction. He said everyone looked the same, maybe a few years older and few pounds heavier, but all had a great time. Bruce bought a new truck and fifth wheel trailer for the trip.

Weldon Cottingham is back on the job after suffering a heart attack. He looks good and says he feels good. We are glad to have him back.

Dale Criger has been in the hospital but understand he is home now. Dale is agent at Minnequa, where a new office building has just been completed — really nice. Hurry back, Dale, so you can enjoy it.

Walt Laney also visited us. He is keeping busy doing all kinds of social work. Workers are badly needed, he says, so any of you retirees with time on your hands could be put to work.

After weeks in hospital, Roy Laney is home recuperating from a bad car accident. Get well soon, Roy.

Sam Ferraro and his wife spent their vacation in Hawaii, had a lot of fun and hated to come back. Tony Novak and wife Betty went to Mexico and California on their vacation. Art Lewis and wife spent their vacation touring Europe; they really enjoyed that. From the reports, our employees are really living it up!

Walt and Ruth Aldridge went to Lake Powell, among other places, where the fish didn't like the Colorado worms. Walt is agent at Canon City.

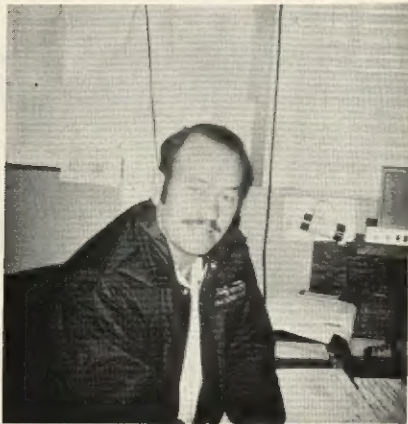
Gordon Openshaw had a birthday recently. He celebrated with an ice cream cone from Baskin Robbins — they send all kids a card for a free cone on their birthday-ha!

Congratulations to our Pueblo Golfers who went to Denver and came home winners. Les Garrison and Bob Pennington brought home the trophies as you can see by following photos.

Until next time, enjoy our warm weather. Old Man Winter is just around the corner.



Les Garrison, Winner — 1st Flight



Bob Pennington, Winner - 2nd Flight

## Sports

By G. L. Cristofano

Listed below are the winners of the September Golf Tournament held at Highland Hills Golf Course in Denver:

Tournament Medalist—Garrison (Pueblo)

Tournament Low Net—Sledge

1st Flight Medalist—Paras

1st Flight Runner Up—Masterson

1st Flight 2nd Runner Up—Butters

1st Flight Low Net—Adkins

1st Flight Runner Up—Dewan

1st Flight 2nd Runner Up—Candelaria

2nd Flight Medalist—Pennington

2nd Flight 1st Runner Up—Reichert

2nd Flight 2nd Runner Up—O'Donnell

2nd Flight Low Net—Rudd

2nd Flight 1st Runner Up—Powers

2nd Flight 2nd Runner Up—Wurm

3rd Flight Medalist—Meyers

3rd Flight 1st Runner Up—Fitch

3rd Flight 2nd Runner Up—Kanderis

3rd Flight Low Net—Maris, R. N.

3rd Flight 1st Runner Up—Fjeldsted

3rd Flight 2nd Runner Up—Hulstrom

4th Flight Medalist—Nance

4th Flight 1st Runner Up—Williams, W. W.

4th Flight 2nd Runner Up—Martin, J. J.

4th Flight Low Net—Cash

4th Flight 1st Runner Up—Fisk

4th Flight 2nd Runner Up—Harvey

Longest Putt—Garrison

Longest Drive (8th Hole)—Campbell

Closest to Hole (13th Hole)—Body

Parked Closest to Clubhouse—Fuentes

Chet Turner has been making drives over 200 yards. Not too shabby in view of a recent amputation. A golf pro from Fitzsimmons Hospital has helped him to develop his swing. Keep it up, pardner.

Heard that a few from the computer section on 7th floor went fishing in the high country and did well. (Who put the worms on the hook for Hutton?)

Dunham (Signal Dept.) has been doing exceptionally good at shooting doubles at Denver Metro Trap Club. Secret: Keep both eyes open!

Softball season ended with the 8th Floor Park Central top dog. (But not undefeated as reported previously.)

The muzzle loading/black powder hunting season is on now and some of the Rio Grande employees are up there with their coonskin hats and buckskin jeans trying to stalk a deer close enough to shoot him. Lots of luck.

After the Oakland-San Diego and Denver-Minnesota games, there is talk about the officials being allowed to bring their seeing-eye dogs out on the field.

It's not too early to make your hotel reservations in Miami for January 21, 1979.

Don't wait until the last minute like New Orleans last January.

## Welder Becomes Writer

When a heart attack forced an early retirement last January on Welder James Harry Cox, he turned to writing. The result of his endeavors is now in print. Harry's book is a western novel entitled "Sands Through the Hourglass." The setting is in and around DeBeque, Colorado, the western town where Harry was born in 1922. He joined the Rio Grande in 1953 as section laborer and transferred to welder in 1958. His book may be obtained, at \$9.00 per copy, plus \$1.00 mail and handling charge, by writing to J. H. Cox, Box 24, DeBeque, Colorado 81630.



J. H. Cox, Welder-Author

## PUEBLO HEROINE

To My Sister Heidi. Thank you for saving my life. Your brother, Chris.

That's the inscription on a medallion hanging around the neck of Heidi Jones, 7. Heidi saved her brother's life on September 10, when she snuffed out a gasoline fire on Chris, 6. Chris is in St. Mary-Corwin Hospital recuperating from burns and skin grafting from his upper to his lower right leg. They are the grandchildren of Ray Fisher, yardmaster, and children of Fred Jones, switchman.

## Al Wethington, Pueblo Machinist, Retires

The first of June Al C. Wethington called it "quits" and applied for his annuity. Al's story of his life is told here in his own words:

"I was born May 4, 1916 in Ashland, Illinois; raised in Ashland and Beardston, Illinois. Enlisted in the U.S. Navy on July 26, 1940; was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 in time for the big event. Was married on October 3, 1943 to hometown girl, Jeannett Ross, and we have four lovely daughters, Patricia, Cathy, Carol and Nancy.

"After six years in the Navy, I worked three years on rivertow boats in Illinois, Mississippi, Tennessee and Ohio rivers; then decided to finish my military career and joined the Army in October, 1949. Spent three years with the Corps of Engineers in Germany, then to Transportation Corps in Virginia where I first met a diesel locomotive. Attended School for Diesel Maintenance and Diesel Electric Maintenance; also G.E. School on Industrial Diesels and Westinghouse Air Brake School.

"In November 1959 I went to Durango, Colorado where the Army had Locomotive No. 3000 for testing. Then back to Alamosa Shops where we converted the air brake system on Loco. 3000 from 6 L to 26 L with pressure maintaining. It was at that time I had my first encounter with Colorado and the Rio Grande. I made up my mind to return after I retired from the Army. On August 1, 1965 I did retire and on August 19 went to work for the Rio Grande as machinist at Pueblo Shop. My plans for the future are to travel as much as I can and enjoy life. So long to my many friends on the Rio Grande."

Happy retirement, Al.



Left to right: Leo Nading, Brian Ballotti, Dave Hibshman, Al Wethington, Mike Herrera, Jim Justice, John Rose.

## Utah Division

By Roper Jo\*

John Leo Davis hired out for the D&RGW as messenger June 12, 1934, moved to electrician apprentice December 1, 1936, completed apprenticeship May 7, 1941, promoted to machine shop foreman and then to enginehouse foreman on December 16, 1951.



A retirement get together was held September 25 and attended by all employees who had worked with Leo. He will begin his annuity after completing his vacation. J. E. Armbrust and fellow employees presented him with a Polaroid camera and scope attachment. John Leo (Peachy) is shown here enjoying his retirement party cake and ice cream. All wish Peachy a happy retirement.

All of Milo Gilson's friends wish to congratulate him on his 90th birthday this October. Milo worked various positions at Roper Yards over the years, and was yardmaster at 4th South when he applied for his annuity over twenty years ago.

Best wishes are extended to Jack Coulson who has been retired on disability. Jack's last day at work was August 2. All his many friends miss his smiling face and hope he will recover and come back to work. Jack was working at the Freight Office at the time of his disability.

A speedy recovery wish is forwarded to Lee Mason, clerk at the warehouse, who at this writing is in Holy Cross Hospital for tests.

Martha McNamara, retired clerk, is recuperating at Holy Cross with a broken leg. Everyone of Martha's friends wish her well.

E. L. Ostrander applied for his annuity August 17. Les hired out as switchman at Roper August 25, 1941 and served various tours of duty as a yardmaster, returning to switching, but was working as yardmaster at 21st South when he applied for annuity. All his many friends wish him a happy retirement.

L. A. Reese applied for his annuity September 8. He hired out as brakeman October 13, 1937 and was promoted to conductor August 12, 1943. He worked on the Utah Division until retirement date.

E. A. (Hoot) Gibson applied for his annuity August 17. Hoot hired out as switchman at Roper August 7, 1941, moved to yardmaster March 17, 1948, and returned to switchman until retirement date.

It's been vacation time in the MofW Department at Roper Yards. E. J. Madsen, B&B foreman, took his wife Mabel on a trip to California, especially to attend the 34th reunion of the members of the U.S. Navy 55th C. B. Battalion of World War II. Mr. Madsen served with this unit in the Pacific. He states he had a wonderful time renewing friendships of long ago. They took the long way back to Utah by touring the many cities and beaches along the coast.

Orlando Miera, engineering assistant, took Alice and the children for a trip to Yellowstone National Park. Orlando particularly enjoyed this trip as he worked that area while in Forest Service prior to going to work for the railroad.

Chad Chesnut, assistant engineer, took Dorothy and family to Flaming Gorge for some camping and fishing. He reports they all had a nice time.

Dan Monson, secretary to division engineer, took wife Julie to Oakland, California to visit her family. While there they rode the BART and thought it was great. Upon their return to Utah, they went camping in the Uinta Mountains.

J. L. Gallegos of the Roper Section, took his family in his new van through Colorado and New Mexico, visiting relatives and seeing the sights. A great time was had by all.

Val Gass, Work Equipment mechanic, took his wife Helen on a trip through the southern part of these good old U.S. of A. to see their daughter Sally and new granddaughter, who live in Orlando, Florida. He said he and his wife did not want to come home after such a beautiful trip, but still prefer to live out West.

J. L. Ozment, division engineer, took a short vacation with his family and did some camping in the central part of Utah.

Robert E. Davis, supervisor of structures, spent his vacation in Chicago and Denver, visiting with his children.

Larry Listello, engineering trainee, treated his wife Sundie to a cruise in the Caribbean Sea. He brought back many souvenirs and pictures of the trip, and is ready to take it again.

J. E. Aberton, retired roundhouse foreman, is proud of his Arabian Park horse, Thom, who won the Reserve Championship of Arabian Park Horse Class at the Utah State Fair. This is his horse - not his wife's! Mrs. Aberton's horse has also been a winner in past events.

\*Josephine Smith

## Salt Lake Veterans

By N. E. Boswell

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Underwood are the proud grandparents of a grandson born in August. Fifteen hours after birth, the baby had to undergo major surgery but we are happy to report he is doing fine now.

Get well wishes to retired Engineer Bobby Frakes who is in the hospital and to Seth Davis also in the hospital. Claude Argyle recently had back surgery but is doing fine and made the trip to Denver with us.

Elmer Yates and wife attended the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers convention held in Nauvoo, Ill. They also visited Champaigne and Urbana, Ill.

Salt Lake Veterans Club No. 1 had sixty-eight members at the 28th Annual Convention in Denver. Everyone had a good time, thanks to the members of the Denver Club.

J. C. Cowley celebrated his 71st birthday on the train going to Denver.

F. C. Krauth and Gino Giovacchini also celebrated their birthdays in September.

Condolences and sympathy to Mrs. Jacob Leonard Fuhrman who lost her husband on August 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb B. Wood made two trips to California, took in Disneyland, Sea World and San Diego Bay with their children.

The grandson of J. C. Cowley, 18-year old Jim Cowley, made his first deer hunting trip a success by taking a beautiful five-point buck near Smith-Morehouse Reservoir. "It's the first deer I've ever shot at," said Cowley. "It was about a 40 to 45-yard shot. I've been practicing a lot, though... about a half-hour a day before the hunt." He was awarded a \$280.00 bow by the Ute Archery Club.

Chuckle: "At my age," said the Old Timer, "it isn't so much a matter of living as a problem of maintenance."

### "Golden Wedding Anniversary"

"Of all life's blessings, very few  
are meant to last a lifetime through  
But love, with all its joys and tears,  
Grows only deeper through the  
years."

With this sentiment, the sons and daughters-in-law announced the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Joe and Rhea Wernz. An open house in their honor was held on September 30 at the Women's Cultural Center, Provo, Utah. Joe retired as conductor for Rio Grande in 1970 with 45 years of service. Joe and Rhea have both been very active and inspirational members of the Rio Grande Veterans Club for many years.

## Provo

By Red Rider\*

Condolences to the Hale Rasmussen family on the death of their son; to Wilma Baker, whose mother passed away, and to the Leonard Martinez family. Leonard's sister was killed in a helicopter crash in Alaska.

Condolences also to Frank Edwards, whose wife passed away after a long illness.

Bonna Lynn McCausland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. (Bud) Jackman, passed away at her home in Menominee, Michigan, following a long illness. Our condolences to the Jackman family.

Mark Wayne Halladay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mac H. Halladay, was married to Robin Louise Keysor on the 25th of August. Mark is an engineer, as is his father on the Rio Grande. Best wishes to the happy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Thorpe, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bringham traveled to Las Vegas, tried their luck and took in a few shows.

Freight Agent Ken Watson is back to work after a short vacation.

Retired Carman Leland Oscar Nielsen celebrated his 25th anniversary performing with many dance bands. Mr. Nielsen plays the guitar, the harmonica and sings. He performs at the Eldred Center each Tuesday and at the Orem Senior Citizens Center every



Saturday night. In photograph Leland is in the back row, far right, shown with members of dance bands with which he played during the years.

Carl Lee and his family traveled many miles on their vacation through the Midwest with several days at Yellowstone National Park.

Fred Dammaschke moved his family from Murray to Orem while on his vacation. Fred's mother has been in the hospital recently. We wish her well.

Section Foreman Mark Archuleta is back to work after vacationing.

Sherrie Archuleta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Archuleta, was married to Cheyenne (Chy) Dee Haycock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Haycock. They plan to reside in Spanish Fork, Utah. Best wishes to both.

Be safety minded. Stay alive so that you may know what next year will bring.

\*R. R. Rackele

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## Roper

### "It's a Short Journey"

By Motz

Within the past year or so, the Roper diesel shop and mechanical department has welcomed aboard five young ladies: Kelly Sillitoe, Bonnie Patterson, Renee Hansen, Tammy Olsen and Barbara Viet.

Kelly, a previous grocery clerk, works as hostler. Bonnie, a former secretary, works also as a hostler. Renee, a past University of Utah student, is employed as a laborer. Tammy left her desk as an insurance secretary to work as a laborer. Barbara is employed as a machinist helper.

All five agree that theirs is an eight hour job but after the eight, the overalls, grease, and hard hats are shed for make-up, hair-do's, and the latest fashion.

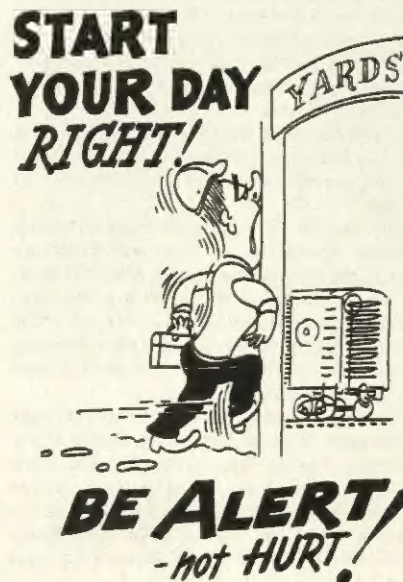
Their jobs bring to them pride, satisfaction and challenge, not to mention the pay.

The only two things they object to are the fit of the hard hats (they tear at their hair), and the lack of a women's railroad-approved wrist watch (Bonnie and Kelly). Outside of these two items they are well satisfied.

Future plans include: for Kelly a career as an engineer for the Rio Grande. For Bonnie the same, with the exception of marriage. Renee will pursue an education and apply for engine service. Tammy hopes to seek a career as a carman. Barbara also plans a railroad career and will let her talents determine her path.

Apparently it's not such a long way, as many think, from make-up to engine grease, at least not in the case of these five ladies.

We wish them the very best in the pursuit of their elected careers.



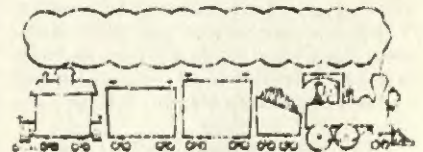
## Grand Junction

By W. J. Kiefer

Sympathy is extended to Trainman John Lang for the tragic auto accident that claimed the lives of most of his family. John's wife Cora, 38, daughters Amy, 15, and Sandra, 14, sister-in-law Linda Anderson, 29, and her daughter Kristy, 7, were killed in an auto-gravel truck collision while vacationing in Salt Lake City. Another daughter of John, Ronda Lang, 16, is in critical condition in the hospital. John and his brother-in-law Anderson had stayed behind while wives and daughters were shopping.

Retired Engineer Howard Hafey recently made the cover page and headlines of The Daily Sentinel's special section on Car Care, where he was pictured with his 1926 Dodge Brothers automobile. He spent six years restoring the four-cylinder, 60-horsepower automobile which, he reports, gets 25 miles per gallon. He has taken two first places in Grand Junction auto shows and is currently looking for another car of that vintage to restore. Howard is a member of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America.

In other auto club news, the International Studebaker Drivers Club organized a chapter in Grand Junction on September 4. Engineer Keith Shepherd is the tour master and his wife Bonnie is the treasurer.



## NARBW

By Pat Seprish

Dr. James Jeffers, director of the GO Clinic, a Wholistic care center was guest speaker at the October meeting, held at the First Unitarian Church, 14th and Lafayette. A pot luck dinner with sugarless desserts was enjoyed by the many members and guests who attended the interesting and informative meeting.

The September meeting was held at the Trail Dust Inn where everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner, an informative meeting, excellent entertainment and a fun time.

We are in the process of collecting old dentures, old glasses, hearing aids, L'Eggs eggs and camera flash cubes for welfare projects. Anyone having the above items or who would like to help on the various projects, please contact Welfare Chairman Lillian Cairns, 935-0479.

Watch for more upcoming information concerning our dinner meetings and activities.

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## Salida

By Maribee\*



Four generations of the Juan Aragon family attended the Salida Veterans annual picnic held in July. Seated at the table in photograph are Mr. and Mrs. Juan Aragon. Between them is their great-grandson. Also pictured are John Aragon and his wife and sister. John worked as a clerk in the Salida office of the Rio Grande. Also in the picture is their grandson.

Juan, a retired D&RGW man, is still doing fine at the age of 89.



Another Rio Grande retiree, Engineer "Bonnie" Campbell is shown in photograph enjoying the Salida Veterans picnic.

\*Mary B. Cassidy

Sincere condolences to Mary B. Cassidy, popular Green Light reporter, on the loss of her husband, George R. Cassidy. Maribee has been a reporter for Green Light since its inception and often injected some of her husband's witicism and knowledge into her writing. Green Light readers will miss George, and we send our sympathy to Mary. Her column in this issue is a fitting tribute to her husband and our friend.

## Moving?

When moving please include your old address as well as your new address. Allow at least one month for change to be made.

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## High Country Comments

By Maribee\*

Your correspondent lost what she liked to prefer to as her "private walking historian". George R. Cassidy on September 13 was suddenly taken from this world by a heart attack.

His love for his native town of Leadville and his memory for people and events of the past was more than double that usually characteristic of individuals with such a fancy.

Mine dumps look the same to the average person, but George could name every one in the surrounding hills. He attributed this to the fact that this was the area of recreation for him during his boyhood days. "When I was growing up, there was no need for extensive recreation programs. The hills offered plenty of recreation." He liked to amaze a listener with the statement, "I didn't even know where the post office was until I was 21."

If they could be remembered, his facetious remarks would fill a book. Early in our marriage he said, "I don't bring home any bodies, and I don't expect you to bring home any railroad cars." He spent 30 years assisting his brother who was in the mortuary business. He enjoyed "railroad talk" whenever there was a social gathering which involved railroad employees and their spouses. But he would quip, "If you're not careful around here, you'll get run over by a 3800 locomotive."

Traveling by rail was one of his favorite methods of transportation. Dome cars were just his ticket for him. He would sit by the hour enjoying the passing countryside. A little rough track which occasionally happened would bring such a remark as "The fireman must be goosing the engineer."

But it can be truly said of George R. Cassidy that he made a happy "track" in life for other people. He never met a stranger and didn't know the meaning of the word "enemy".

Also on the sad side of this writing is the very serious condition of retired Carman George Moore, father-in-law of Leadville Agent E. W. Goetsch. George Moore, on a much quieter side, is also possessed of witticism, especially on national affairs. His hobby was prospecting in the hills, and his pet peeve the restrictions which are coming about as a result of wilderness designated areas by the Forest Service. Of elaborate ski resorts which call for many trees to be cut, he said, "Yes, they can make a play pen for the jet set, but they won't allow a lonely prospector to cut down a few trees to frame a mine shaft or tunnel."

On the brighter side is the news that Jim Preston, Salida native and son of Conductor Jim Preston, was able to come home in his chosen line of work. He is probation officer for the northern division of the 11th Judicial District. Young Jim has been with the state probation department for almost seven years.

## Colorado Division

By Anne Darling

J. K. Howard reports an enjoyable vacation fishing in Wyoming and a trip to Kansas City visiting relatives.

Welcome to John Sprouse as assistant supervisor of structures.

Lew and Betty Amicone vacationed around home for a couple of weeks in October. Betty's sister flew in from Hawaii and spent a week with them.

Walt and Pauline Duffy spent some time visiting their son Mark and wife Sharon in New Jersey and taking in some sights on the East Coast.

Chuck Burroughs says his wife put him to work around the house during his vacation.

## North Yard

By Joe Lonergan

Congratulations to Pat Kemble, clerk in Yard Office, on the birth of a grandson, Kevin Patrick Kemble.

Ralph Webster is recently back from a vacation in the British Virgin Islands. Ralph and party sailed six sail boats on tours around the islands.

Our sympathy to Earl Thorne on the death of his grandson.

Our sympathy also to Joe Dietz, Sr. on the death of his son, Joe Dietz, Jr.

Leroy Berghorn was a recent visitor to North Yard Rip Track.

We need people to join our Singing Rails, male and female. We meet once a week for practice. Anyone interested at North Yard may call Joe Lonergan, ext. 2270, North Yard Repair Track.

## Romance at North Yard

In the springtime of 1976, Linda Parker, yard clerk, and Dave Barry, brakeman/conductor, met at North Yard about 3 A.M. It was what could be called "love at first sight".

Hunches were right as they were married on July 7, 1977.

Today, Dave is no longer with the Rio Grande, and Linda, now steno-clerk in agent's office, is taking a maternity leave to have their baby which is due in December.

Joe and Dale Lonergan recently celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary. They were married October 9, 1949.

Congratulations to both above named couples.

Rose Solem, clerk at North Yard, has recently undergone surgery, but is now home and doing well. We wish Rose a speedy and complete recovery.

## Suggestions

The following suggestions were received for review and discussion:

32709

31840

Suggestion 32709 has been rejected.

Eleven

## Burnham Notes

### From the Shops

By Joe Brown

Hello to everyone from the Burnham Shops. Haven't done too good a job this month on gathering news as my family and I were in California on vacation for two weeks. California is a beautiful state, but I believe I'd rather live in Colorado.

Our thoughts are with Leroy Rome who is in St. Anthony's Hospital recovering from an auto accident. Hope he'll be up and around again real soon.

Paul Knight is a member of Mile Hi Merchants Super "A" slow pitch softball team, which had a very successful season winning the Denver City Tournament, Colorado State Tournament, and finishing third in the Rocky Mountain Regionals in Salt Lake City, Utah. Paul plays 1st base on the team.

John Frame, machinist, and his family enjoyed their vacation in Texas. M.L. McKelvey, machinist, and his family went West to California for their vacation, and Mac says they had a great time.

Congratulations to George A. Bauer, electrician, and his new wife Elaine, who were recently married and honeymooned in California.

Aaron Martin, who has been recovering from a heart attack, is reported to be getting along real well and should be back to work soon. We'll look forward to having him back.

The Fred Marzano family enjoyed a vacation in Las Vegas. Maybe he can give us some tips on how to be a big winner.

Well, guess that's about it for this issue. Will try to be a little more informative next time.

### From the Store

By Dolly Fagler

Congratulations to Dan Bower and his wife Linda on their marriage September 6.

Congratulations are also in order on the forthcoming marriage of Bob Nazaro, fork lift operator, Burnham, on November 4, 1978 to Cheryl Ashmore at Trinity United Methodist Church. Honeymoon plans are being kept secret, but it is rumored the couple will fly to Buffalo, N.Y. for a week.

Jack McCaffrey is planning a week's vacation with a trip to the mountains to work on his cabin, hopefully to get it nearly finished by winter.

Bill Castro is about to wind up a three week vacation.

It was nice to see Max Garcia who dropped in for a short visit. Max looks great and his usual cheerfulness prevails.

Dan Bowers was just released from the hospital with a minor operation on his hand. He will be unable to report back to work for a few weeks.

Condolences to E. E. Egan and family in the loss of his brother at Pueblo, September 23. Funeral services were held September 26 at Pueblo.

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## Denver

### M. F. Black Retires



Superintendent of Communications Merrill F. Black retired on August 31. A farewell dinner was held in his honor by Communications Department employees.

Merrill began his railroad career as assistant to signal engineer on August 23, 1946. He resigned in 1948 to accept other employment and returned to the railroad in 1956 as assistant signal engineer. He was appointed assistant superintendent of signals and communications on September 16, 1958 and to superintendent of communications on February 1, 1961.

Merrill saw many changes during his Communications career. He was at the helm when the dial PBX installations were made at Pueblo and Grand Junction. He was instrumental in the installation of Rio Grande's microwave system, along with the Videograph facsimile system and the present computer switches Teletype system.

He also had the task of supervising the moving and installation of added facilities when the move was made from Stout Street to Park Central, plus the installation of additional equipment for bringing the dispatchers into Denver.

Merrill and his wife Pat plan to "see the country" with their trailer home. At this writing they were visiting Fenlon Falls, Ontario, Canada, the childhood home of Pat.

Rio Grande friends wish our expert in the art of Communication and his wife many years of happiness and pleasant travels.

R. N. Lehnertz was appointed Superintendent of Communications with headquarters at Denver, Colorado.

## System Freight Agency

By Charles Cutforth

Ed and Loretta Salazar took a trip to San Diego to visit son Victor, who is serving in the Navy on the U. S. S. Kitty Hawk. After looking over the Navy base and Victor's ship, they spent time in Sea World, the famous Zoo, and on the beach as well as watching the San Diego Padres beat the Phillies. Ed returned with a three weeks' growth of beard so he now resembles Lyle Alzado...with a different shape!

Welcome to Vivian Vick who joins SFA from Car Service, filling the job vacated by Carol Duran who is on leave of absence.

Recent SFA personnel to take the Durango-Silverton train were John and Mary Markley who went to celebrate six years of matrimony (together), and Ed and Carol Duran who were celebrating their second anniversary! This was truly a beautiful way to remember a beautiful day! We wish them many, many more of them.

Keiko Watanuke took a flying trip to Southern California visiting with friends and brother Ken. The Los Angeles area is truly where Keiko's heart lies.

Thought: A smile costs nothing but creates much. It enriches those who receive it, without impoverishing those who give it. A smile happens in a flash and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.



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## From the Ninth

By Carolyn Herrera

"Forty-three years of B. S." That was the sentiment often repeated these last few weeks as the friends and many business acquaintances began the retirement celebration in honor of our Assistant Purchasing Agent Ben Smith.

A banquet was hosted by Stan Silverman and his troops in Purchasing at Denver's Union Station Restaurant. A sound movie was taken by John Soderlund of the banquet, and the film, camera, projector and screen were given to Ben as a retirement gift from his many friends all over the system.

On September 12, Ben's last day of work, the Purchasing Department hosted a coffee, and Ben and his lovely wife Lova greeted their friends with coffee and cake. The cake bore the most appropriate phrase "43 Years of B.S." and a pair of telephones. I'm sure you will all agree that "weeks" of celebration would be tough on a man of retirement age, but not Ben Smith. He and Lova rushed off on a long trip to the west coast which will include several stops "everywhere" on the way back. There is no doubt, Ben Smith is one who will certainly enjoy and take advantage of all that extra time, and just think, Ben, you can finally enjoy Mondays!



Ben Smith displays retirement "Gift"!

Purchasing Department personnel and other friends on the railroad regret the passing of C. E. Kelsey, former assistant purchasing agent. Mr. Kelsey retired from Rio Grande in 1960 with 42 years of service. He died on August 10, 1978. Condolences are sent to his family.

For the 9th FLOOR "FOUL BALLERS", the season is over and are Tuesday evenings ever dull! Glad to announce after the disastrous start, the Foul Ballers finished in third place. Not bad for a first year effort for the ninth floor. We want to take this opportunity to give a couple of awards: to Bob Grawey we want to present the "Mis-Manager of the Year" award; and to Dave Davis, we wish to acknowledge his most dedicated "Immoral Support". To the eighth floor — wait until next year!



Helen Marzino, third baseman, and Lou Failla, shortstop, wait in readiness as Pitcher Carolyn Herrera pitches for the Park Central 9th Floor "Foul Ballers". The team came in third place.

## From the "Big Spenders"

By Isaac Mootye

Farewell to Janice Ricketts who resigned earlier this year. We wish her happiness and success in her endeavors. We will also miss "Lovable" Larry Wright who abandoned us this summer to accept a position in M.I.S. We are lucky to retain him as a member of our fine bowling team. Our loss of Larry brings aboard Gary Lowry as the newest member of our staff. Gary joined us from North Yard where he was a clerk with the Rock Island Lines, formerly of Peoria, Illinois. His unique hobby is disc jockeying on the local Disco circuit.

We welcome Elaine Mai back on the scene after a brief leave of absence. A warm greeting is also in order for our C. H. McDonald who is missed in his leave status.

The Art Ruscios take pride in the announcement of the holy matrimony of their son Ron to his September bride, Jan. The summer end also brought joy into the heart of Marie Shepherdson with a return from an East Coast fling at Jersey, topped off with Atlantic City's plush casino and sunnin' in rainy Bermuda.

Lori Adams' summer vacation included an escapade in Quebec City, with visits from her sister of Buffalo and her father from Kansas City. Duane Bowman spent idle moments in Los Angeles County. No telling where Al "Macho" Amen spent his three weeks?

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Pete Simonetti who recently lost his brother and to Les Egan in the loss of his uncle. Unfortunately for Les, dur-

ing his vacation, he suffered a short illness which was complemented with our prayers and well wishes.

Jerry Rickard and Art Ruscio have revitalized the "Mud-Hops", our famous bowling team of last season and are off and rolling.

The latest report on Playboy, Gil Hudgins' lucky colt, indicates that the seven-month-old quarter horse has won seven ribbons in the seven shows he has entered.

## Denver Veterans & Ladies Auxiliary

by Mildred Harmon

Joe Ford had a Happy Birthday September 10 with sixteen of his family to help him celebrate. They had dinner at the Hungry Farmer.

Evna Owen flew to Los Angeles to attend the funeral of her brother, Bill Jones, on June 28, and then flew to Ada, Oklahoma to attend the funeral of her sister, Marean Albrecht, on August 16. Our sympathies to Evna on her losses.

Anna Duckworth visited her sister-in-law in Houston, Texas for three weeks.

The Bill Hicks had a successful fishing trip at Saratoga, Wyoming; also visited with his sister in Casper and with their daughter and family in Glenrock, Wyoming.

Barney Hobbs had a cataract removal and lens implant in August.

Bill and Hester Clark flew to California in September and came home by automobile with their daughter and son-in-law. They stopped in Las Vegas, with no luck gambling but had fun.

Bill and Kathryn Sealy are going to Oregon, down the Coast to San Francisco, and then to Fallon, Nevada to visit relatives. They will be gone for at least three weeks.

John and Vera Pouden flew to Houston, Texas in September.

Ruth and Louis Heimlich went to Holdrege, Nebraska to visit grandchildren.

The Pete Ackermanns took a trip to Santa Fe this summer with their daughter and son-in-law, which they enjoyed very much.

Wesley and Dorothy Todd celebrated their 37th Wedding Anniversary on September 27.

John and Kathryn Schneider had a very pleasant day Sunday, September 17, when their two daughters with their husbands took them for dinner to celebrate their 59th Wedding Anniversary, which occurred September 16.

We all wish the above couples many more happy anniversaries.

## Want to Run a Railroad? Build Your Own.

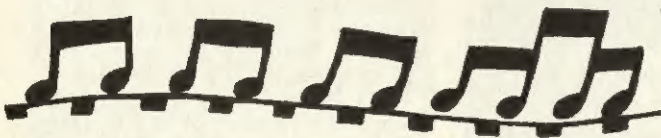
That's what Fred Lewis, former Rio Grande fireman, did. His railroad, the Buckhorn Northern Railroad, is located at the North Lake Park, 29th and Taft Street, Loveland, Colorado.

Fred is designer, builder and operator of the train, which is one-half size to scale. He also designed and built the station, water tower and tunnel. The tunnel is used for storage in the off season months.

Fred worked for Rio Grande on the Pueblo Division from 1958 to 1963.



- Buckhorn Northern Railroad - Owner Fred Lewis



## Love to Sing? Join the "Singin' Rails"!

Do you enjoy singing just for the fun of it? Love to warble in the shower? Or sing along with the radio? Do you have a good voice, or maybe not so good, or just mediocre, but still love to sing? OK—now is your chance. Join the "Singin' Rails", a fun amateur singing group composed of railroaders just like you—men or women, thin or fat, short or tall—you're welcome all!

An extra pianist for the group is also needed. So if you'd like to accompany and/or sing, please come forward.

The "Singin' Rails" meet every Tuesday night from 4:30 to 5:30 in the Executive Tower Ballroom. For further details, call Green Light editor, ext. 2546, or Betty Tidball, BN, 67-2225.

## Family Ties

Two of Rio Grande's distinguished retirees, Engineers Vern W. Maxfield and Pete J. Palmer, have a long line of family connections with the railroads. Vern came to work August 6, 1941. He served in the U. S. Army, running an engine two years in the Philippines and Korea. He retired September 26, 1978. P.J. also came to work in August 1941, retiring in May, 1978.

Vern's brother, Wilbur Maxfield, is presently employed as an engineer for the BN. Vern's son, David Maxfield, is employed as an engineer on the Rio Grande. Vern and Pete have four nephews employed by the railroads: Fred and Gary Maxfield are engineers on the Rio Grande; Danny Maxfield is conductor on the BN, and Tommy Maxfield is a brakeman on the BN.

The father of Wilbur and Vern Maxfield, Floyd W. Maxfield of Denver, is still living and retired from the BN in 1959. He is grandfather to Fred, Gary, Danny, Tommy and David Maxfield. Another grandfather, Walter Swanson of Portland, Oregon, retired from the BN, and greatgrandfather, August T. Swanson, who is 102 and living in Wray, Colorado, also retired from BN.

Those are pretty strong railroad ties, binding together a great railroading family.

Fourteen



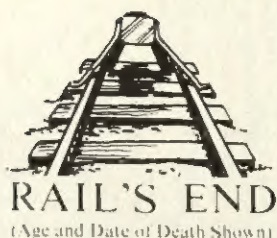
## How to burn up your debris without burning down the forest.



P.S. Don't forget to check with local fire officials for a permit.

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Rio Grande



## The Grande People Retirements

(Years of Service and Date Shown)

Aguilera, Monico, Grand Junction, Section Foreman, 74, July 14  
 Boyack, James, E., Price, Carman, 81, Aug. '78\*  
 Campbell, Claude M., Montrose, Loco. Engineer, 86, Aug. '78\*  
 Costello, Albert F., Denver, Mech. Laborer, 85, Aug. '78\*  
 Ekstrom, William R. Jr., Grand Junction, Machinist, 52, August 12  
 Forstrom, Carl J., Grand Junction, Loco. Engineer, 79, August 10  
 Fuhrihan, Jacob L., Salt Lake City, Machinist, 77, August 22  
 Garcia, Pete, Alamosa, Trucker/Laborer, 83, Aug. '78\*  
 Kelsey, Clarence E., Denver, Asst. Purchasing Agent, 87, August 10  
 Kindell, Harry W., Denver, Machinist, 89, July '78\*  
 Larsen, Dean, Salt Lake City, Caller, 89, Sept. 23\*  
 Nichols, Joe J., Steamboat Springs, Section Foreman, 80, August 7  
 Pearson, Raymond A., Colorado Springs, Clerk, 85, Aug. '78\*  
 Peyton, Gerald W., Silt, Track Welder, 29, August 19  
 Robberson, Walton, Denver, Machinist, 75, July 26  
 Spaur, Cecil C., Fountain, Conductor, 64, July 24  
 Stadler, Robert J., Denver, Carman Helper, 90, July '78\*  
 Stueber, M. Gladys, Denver, Clerk, 80, August 7  
 Summers, Sheldon B., Grand Junction, Trainman, 74, July '78\*  
 Wood, Roy, Salida, Machinist, 80, Aug. '78\*

Alber, George R., Minturn, Loco. Engineer, 36, August 1  
 Christianson, Robert E., Arvada, Signal Maintainer, 34, August 16  
 Conklin, Ernest C., Mesa, AZ, Loco. Engineer, 37, August 1  
 Gibson, Edison A., Salt Lake City, Switchman, 37, August 15  
 Hatmaker, Walter H., Grand Junction, Conductor, 41, July 10  
 Headington, George H., Grand Junction, Master Mechanic, 46, August 1  
 Marcus, Robert H., Denver, Rip Track Foreman, 34, August 1  
 Milgrim, Raymond C., Denver, Yardmaster, 29, July 18  
 Montes, Pete, Denver, Carman, 28, August 9  
 Ostrander, Elbert L., Murray, Yardmaster, 37, August 16  
 Pierson, Newell W., Salt Lake City, Clerk, SLCUD, 39, July 15  
 Ray, Tommie H., Grand Junction, Loco. Engineer, 37, August 15  
 Sacco, Albert, Helper, Carman, 40, August 1  
 Sims, Robert, Denver, Machinist, 42, August 1  
 Smith, Ben, Denver, Asst. Purchasing Agent, 43, October 31  
 Valdez, John M., Silt, Section Laborer, 29, July 29  
 Van Vleet, James E., Salt Lake City, Loco. Engineer, 37, June 30  
 Vaughn, Jack A., Pueblo, Loco. Engineer, 35, August 1  
 Vodopich, Emil, Grand Junction, Loco. Engineer, 33, August 21  
 Wanlass, Fred K., Salt Lake City, Divn. Car Distributor, 38, September 1  
 Watson, Guild L., Salt Lake City, Conductor, 38, August 1  
 Williams, Lonnie, Denver, Cook, 28, August 5

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### JOSEPH WILLIAM WERNZ

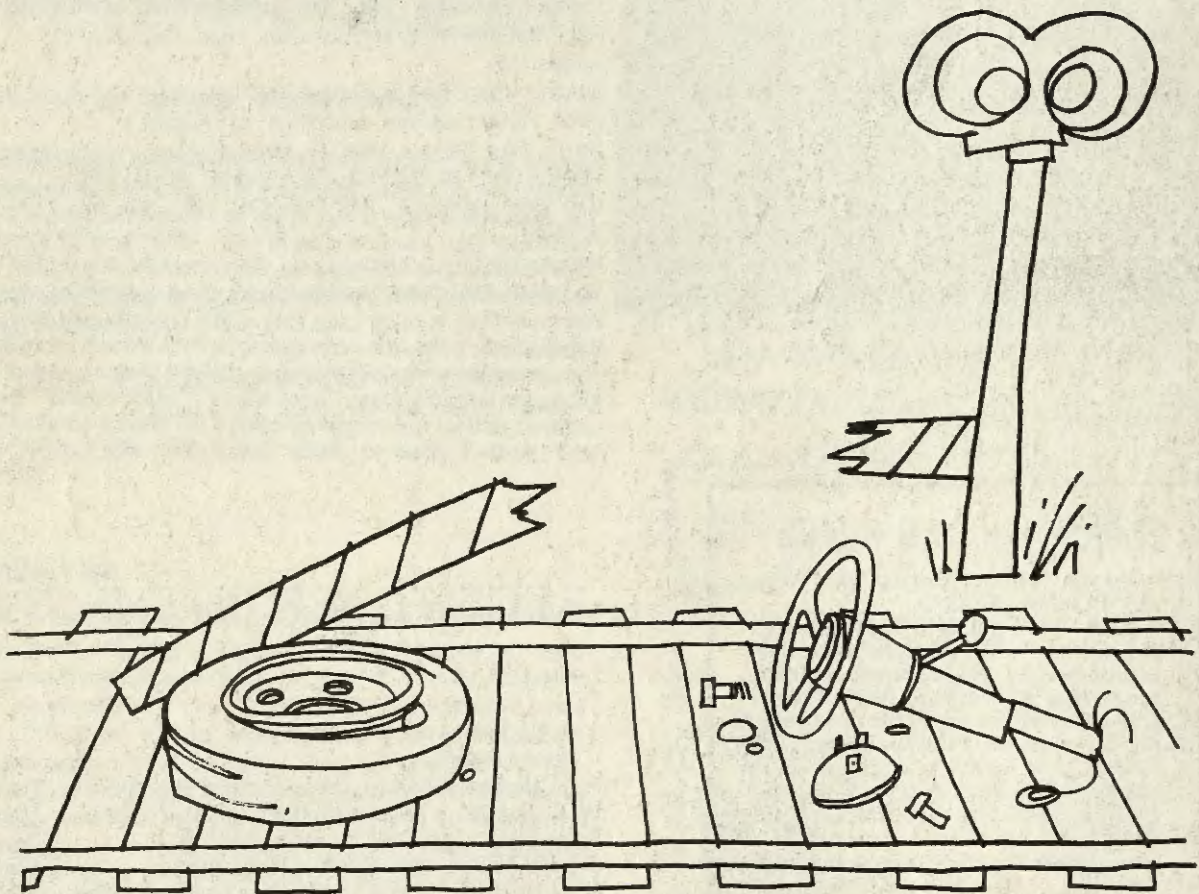
Joseph William Wernz, 76, Provo, died October 18, 1978.

Born October 9, 1902 in Monet, Mo., Joe married Rhea Virginia Madsen on September 27, 1928. He worked for the Rio Grande 47 years, retiring in 1970 as conductor. He was an active member of the Rio Grande Veterans Club, both system and local, having served as president in both, a member of the LDC Church, and an active member of the Utah Lake Lions, past president and board director. He is survived by his wife Rhea, Provo, two sons, William of Provo and Therald of Ephraim, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and four sisters. Rio Grande friends throughout the system mourn his passing and extend sincere sympathy to the family.

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